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SUBJ: GUILLAUME TRIAL ENDED

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: GUENTER GUILLAUME WAS SENTENCED TO A PRISON TERM OF 13 YEARS. THE PROSECUTION HAD DEMANDED 15 YEARS. HIS WIFE, CHRISTEL GUILLAUME, WAS SENTENCED TO A PRISON TERM OF EIGHT YEARS, ALSO TWO YEARS LESS THAN THE DEMAND OF THE PROSECUTION. THE NRW STATE SUPREME COURT IN DUESSELDORF FOUND BOTH AGENTS GUILTY OF HIGH TREASON AND ENDANGERING THE SECURITY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC BY HAVING PASSED TO THE EAST SECRET AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
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AND DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO NATO. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

EMPHASIZED THAT IT WOULD NOT CONSIDER AN EXCHANGE OF THE GUILLAUMES WITH THE GDR. THE CDU/CSU DEMANDED THAT THE BUNDESTAG REOPEN THE INVESTIGATION OF THOSE (SPEAK BRANDT) WHO HAD MADE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE GUILLAUMES POSSIBLE THROUGH GROSS NEGLIGENCE. END SUMMARY.

2. ON DECEMBER 15, 1975 THE NRW STATE SUPREME COURT AT DUESSELDORF PASSED THE ABOVE SENTENCES AFTER FIVE MONTHS OF TRIAL DURING WHICH THE DEFENDANTS MAINTAINED AN ATTITUDE OF CHEERFUL SILENCE. THE SENTENCE WAS AGGRAVATED BY THE FACT THAT THE COURT FOUND GUENTER GUILLAUME GUILTY OF TREASON BY REVEALING NATO SECRETS TO THE GDR AND MOSCOW.

3. THE COURT FOUND THAT IN 1956 THE GUILLAUME COUPLE HAD COME TO THE FRG WITH INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE EAST-BERLIN STATE SECURITY SERVICE (SSD) TO SPY AGAINST THE SPD. IN THE EARLY STAGES G. GUILLAUME WAS THE LEADER OF THREE AGENTS. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE SSD THE COUPLE JOINED THE SPD AS SUPPORTERS OF THE RIGHT WING TO OBTAIN A BETTER CAMOUFLAGE FOR ITS INTELLIGENCE WORK. DURING THE SIXTIES THE GUILLAUMES DELIVERED AN INCREASING STREAM OF MATERIAL TO EAST BERLIN. THE COURT WAS CONVINCED THAT EAST-BERLIN MADE THE INTELLIGENCE AVAILABLE TO THE SOVIET KGB.

4. THE TREASON COMMITTED BY GUILLAUME WAS PARTICULARLY GRAVE WHEN, AS PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO EX-CHANCELLOR BRANDT, HE HAD ACCESS TO AND PASSED ON INFORMATION PERTAINING TO A NATO CRISIS. MOST SERIOUS WAS THE EXTENT OF GUILLAUME'S INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES IN JULY 1973 WHEN HE ACCOMPANIED THE BRANDT FAMILY TO A VACATION IN HAMAR (NORWAY), WHEN HE HAD ACCESS TO TOP SECRET MATERIAL, AMONG WHICH WERE TWO LETTERS OF PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON, IN WHICH THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN ABOUT RIFTS IN THE NATO ALLIANCE. FURTHERMORE, GUILLAUME PASSED ON SECRET INFORMATION ABOUT TALKS BETWEEN SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER AND WALTER SCHEEL, AT THAT TIME FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE FRG, BETWEEN PRESIDENT NIXON AND THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER MICHELE JOBERT AS WELL AS NOTES OF THE FORMER GERMAN NATO AMBASSADOR GUIDO BRUNNER ON HIS INFORMATION TRIPS TO PARIS AND LONDON. THE PASSING OF UNCLASSIFIED

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SUCH INFORMATION TO EAST-BERLIN, THE COURT FOUND, CONSTITUTED AN ENDANGERING OF THE NATO DEFENSE EFFORT, OF WHICH THE FRG IS A PART. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES WERE THAT THEIR JOB HAD BEEN MADE TOO EASY FOR THE AGENTS THROUGH INSUFFICIENT CONTROLS, WHICH HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED TOO LATE.

5. AFTER THE SENTENCE WAS ANNOUNCED A SPEAKER OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DECLARED THAT THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT

CONTEMPLATE AN EXCHANGE OF THE GUILLAUMES FOR PRISONERS
HELD BY THE GDR BUT REJECTED AS HYPOTHETICAL A QUESTION
WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WOULD DECLINE AN EXCHANGE UNDER
ANY CIRCUMSTANCES OR AT ANY FUTURE TIME.

6. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GUILLAUME INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE
OF THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT (WALTER WALLMANN, CDU) NOTED
THAT THE TRIAL HAD REVEALED THE SERIOUS CO-RESPONSIBILITY
OF LEADING SPD PERSONALITIES AND CIVIL SERVANTS.
CARL-DIETER SPRANGER (CSU), DEMANDED A RELEASE OF THE CONFI-
DENTIAL COURT RECORDS, OTHERWISE A NEW COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE
TO BE SET UP WHICH WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT OF ACCESS TO THE
RECORDS. DUX

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